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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL AND NON TRAVEL

1. PRES LOPEZ HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL NOT TRAVEL TO LA PAZ TO ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF BOLIVIA ON AUG 6. A FONOFF COMMUNIQUE CITED PREVIOUS POLIT OBLIGATIONS, ESPECIALLY COMPLETION OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE LOPEZ ADMIN ON AUG 7, WHEN THE PRES PLANS TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING TO THE NATION OF HIS FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE. PRES-DESIGNATE (VICE PRES) JULIO CESAR TURBAY, WHO IS COLOMBIA'S AMB TO THE US, WILL LEAD THE OFFICIAL COLOMBIAN DEL, WHICH WILL ALSO INCLUDE FONMIN INDALECIO LIEVANO, THE DEFMIN, GEN VARON VALENCIP, SEN RAIMUNDO EMILIANI ROMAN AND DANIEL ARANGO.

2. COMMENT: THE INCLUSION OF BOTH TURBAY AND LIEVANO ON THE DEL WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PROVIDE THE OCCASION FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO ON  
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INTERNAL POLITICS. TURBAY, A FRONTRUNNER FOR THE

LIBERAL PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY IN 78, IS  
FACED WITH A MOUNTING CAMPAIGN BY EX-PRES CARLOS  
LLERAS, WHO HAS SIMILAR AMBITIONS. LIEVANO IS CLOSE TO  
PRES LOPEZ AND HAS BEEN LOPEZ'S LIAISON WITH THE  
TURBAYISTA WING OF THE PARTY. LOPEZ HAS  
SHOWN SIGNS OF REMAINING NEUTRAL IN THE LLERAS-TURBAY CONTEST, AND  
TURBAY WILL PROBABLY MAKE A STRONG APPEAL TO LIEVANO FOR LOPEZ'S  
SUPPORT IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A LONG AND HARD FOUGHT  
POLIT FIGHT, (A-84). END COMMENT

3.

ALTHOUGH THE COLOMBIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT PRES  
LOPEZ WILL VISIT MEXICO AND COSTA RICA FOLLOWING HIS  
STATE VISIT TO THE US, FONMIN LIEVANO HAS INFORMED  
THE AMB THAT LOPEZ DOES NOT EXPECT TO VISIT MEXICO BUT THAT  
HE WILL STOP IN SAN JOSE ON HIS RETURN.

4. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS ALSO TOLD THE EMB THAT (CONTRARY TO AN  
18 JULY FBIS REPORT) COSTA RICAN PRES ODUBER WILL NOT  
ATTEND THE MTG AT SANTA MARTA ON JULY 27-29, WHICH WILL  
BE ATTENDED BY COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN PRESIDENTS LOPEZ  
AND PEREZ AND THE PANAMANIAN CHIEF OF GOVT OMAR TORRIJOS. VAKY

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